

## **Traits of Historical Fiction**

1. The setting is in an important historical time.
2. Research allows the author to accurately describe places, people and events. (The reader learns true historical facts.)
3. Major historical events and people are often part of the story.
4. Historical fiction often includes themes, lessons, and issue that relate to the world today.
5. The author includes language and vocabulary from the past that may not be familiar to the reader.
6. Beginning of the story can sometimes be difficult because the author needs to build background information, introduce the setting and characters, and signal events and themes.